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Project Proposal

The project purpose is to connect Fresno and Western Fresno County with Interstate 5. This is a two-phase project. The first phase is to develop a Route Adoption to extend State Route 180 from Mendota to Interstate 5. Phase Two would be to construct the route.

Project Limits

The project is located in Fresno County on State Route 180 from Interstate 5 to State Route 33 near the City of Mendota. The project would connect Fresno and Western Fresno County with Interstate 5.

Schedule/Cost/Funding

This project is a Two-Phase project. Phase One, the Route Adoption Study, can begin as soon as funding is available and will take approximately four years to complete, at an estimated cost of \$7 million. This phase of the project will be funded with the Governor's Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funds. In Phase Two, Federal Demonstration Funds will provide \$35 million with additional monies provided by the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Total Project Cost: \$94 million

Current Funding Available: \$42 million

TCRP Funds Allocated: \$7 million

Transportation Benefit

This project will add a needed east-west connection to Interstate 5 with a new interchange that would enhance the farm to market shipping opportunities for the region. This connection is vital to the economic development of Western Fresno County and the communities of Kerman, Mendota and Firebaugh. It would close the gap between State Routes 180, State Route 33 and Interstate 5.

- Improve continuity.
- Improve movement of goods and services.
- Improve mobility for east-west travelers.
- Improve safety.
- Traffic Congestion Relief on local roads.

The Governor announced support for this study at the Governor's Central Valley Economic Summit held in Fresno on November 30, 1999.

Project Map on Reverse



State Route 180

Westside Expressway

